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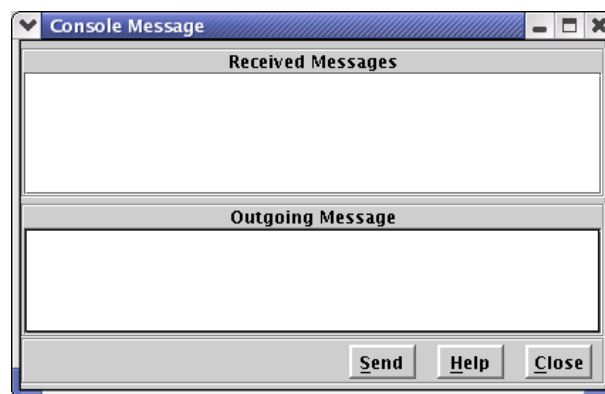
CONSOLE MESSAGE

Section 7.1 Introduction

To open the `Console Message` window, the operator presses the **Console Message** button on the Main RDA HCI (Figure 2-3).

The top section (`Received Messages`) of the `Console Message` window (Figure 7-1) contains the Message History of all the messages sent and received for that RDA HCI during the current logged in session. The Message History is not editable.

The bottom section (`Outgoing Message`) of the `Console Message` window is where the operator can type their messages to be sent out.

Figure 7-1. Console Message Window

7.1.1 <u>GENERATING/SENDING MESSAGES</u>.

To generate or send a message, the operator types the message he or she wishes to send in the Outgoing Message section. When the operator is finished with the message, press the **Send** button located at the bottom right of the Console Message window. The message will be broadcast to all the connected RDA HCI's, the RPG, and the RMS, if there is one connected. It will also appear in the `Received Messages` area, so it will show a running dialog of messages sent and received.

If the `Console Message` window is closed when a message is received, the **Console Message** button will turn green on the Main RDA HCI. There will also be a message in the Information line on the Main RDA HCI stating that there is a console message waiting.

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7.1.2 <u>LOST MESSAGES</u>.

If a message that is generated by the RDA HCI is lost in the transmission to the RDA, the operator will receive an error message concerning the problem and will be asked to resend the message.

7.1.3 <u>GARBLED MESSAGES</u>.

If a message that is received by the RDA is garbled, the operator will be notified and can ask the sender (e.g. the RPG) for a retransmission of the garbled message.

7.1.4 <u>HELP FOR THE CONSOLE MESSAGE</u>.

If the operator needs to access the help documentation for the `Console Message` window, the operator presses the **Help** button located at the bottom right hand corner of the `Console Message` window. This opens up the `RDA HCI Help Pages`.

7.1.5 <u>EXIT THE CONSOLE MESSAGE WINDOW</u>.

To exit the `Console Message` window, the operator presses the **Close** button located at the bottom right corner of the `Console Message` window. The `Console Message` window closes, and the operator is returned to the Main RDA HCI.